

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Acton Senior Center
March 20, 2014

Committee Members Present:

- David Martin
- Pat Clifford
- Tom Campbell
- Michaela Moran
- John Sonner
- Cory York

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Committee Members Not Present:

- Clare Siska
- Sean Hanley

Other Attendees:

- Bill Davies, resident

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:44pm

Comments from the Public

- None

MBTA Advisory Board Report

- Mr. Martin reported on the recent Advisory Board meeting
 - Discussed the MBTA budget and how it is balanced
 - Other revenue generating options (raising fares, getting a sponsor for the T)
 - Beverly Scott spoke about efficiencies in the MBTA, future vision, and diversifying skills of the workforce (25% are of retirement age)

Committee Member Update

- Bob Condon's volunteer application is on the Monday 3/24/14 Selectman's meeting agenda

Historical panels

- The majority of the scanning has been completed and the two large format images are still to be done. Issues with the town's scanner is holding up the process. Alternatives are being looked into.

WIFI Update

- Mr York reported that there was no progress on the process to put WIFI in the station due to planning activities around Town Meeting.
- Mr York knew that there were discussions around wiring cameras and emergency call boxes, getting cable for the WIFI most likely could be coordinated with that effort.

Construction Update

- Mr Martin indicated that the project team was planning a meeting for this past Tuesday, but has not heard any updates coming out of that meeting.

- Signaling work is moving forward as well as the crossing gates.
- Mr York noted that nothing had been done related to the Montouri land
- Mr York indicated that there was money being allocated at Town Meeting toward maintenance of the parking lot and re-paving - \$400,000 has been requested.
- Mr York mentioned he'd spoken with Dean Charter about improving the lighting once the station is complete. Needs to wait for the impact of the station lighting to be assessed before considering the new lighting.
- Ms Clifford mentioned that perhaps we should look into increasing the parking meter fee to \$4.00 per day for two reasons - 1. To reduce the incentive to park at Acton as opposed to West Concord or Littleton, and 2. To help increase the reserves in the fund as it is now being tapped as part of a 5 year maintenance plan. More discussion is needed.
- The conversation expanded to the shuttle and how it has shrunk, and how it is a concern that when construction absorbs part of the parking lot, the shuttle may not be a viable solution for helping replace the parking at the station with satellite parking.

Coordination: Transportation Advisory Committee, Sidewalk, Assabet River Rail Trail, etc.

- Ms Clifford noted that there was a warrant article in Town Meeting related to the Cross Town Connect and how there will be a vote to support that.

Future meetings and calendar events over next several months

- SATSAC full committee: Thursday, April 17th, 2014, 7:30 PM

Adjourn

- Ms Clifford moved to adjourn; Ms Moran seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM.

Submitted by Tom Campbell